



**TESTIMONY
OF THE
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

HB 5706, An Act Concerning The State Laboratory

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony on **HB 5706, An Act Concerning The State Laboratory**.

HB 5706, authorizes the issuance of \$50 million in general obligation bonds to be used by the Department of Public Health for the purpose of building and locating a level 3 public health laboratory at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

CHA supports this proposal to create a state of the art lab facility located at the University of Connecticut Health Center. The establishment of such a facility during a time of increased demands for timely and accurate lab services will facilitate for our members the quality and promptness of lab services. This is especially important as we struggle with advanced testing practices with the unfortunate use of biological and chemical weapons.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.